

Body of missing Naval Petty Officer returned home for funeral services

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The body of a missing Menominee Navy Sailor, Myron Tucker, Jr. was found on July 10, 2005 in Washington.

Tucker Jr. was last seen on July 3, 2005 with his friends in Granite Falls, Washington.

The Snohomish County Sheriff office in Washington reported him missing on Thursday July 7, 2005.

Tucker, 27, was a Petty Officer second class and an electrician on the USS Abraham Lincoln stationed at the Naval Station Everett, Washington.

A search was conducted for 3 days, which included a helicopter, search dogs, rescue volunteers and 50 sailors.

Tucker's body was found in a pond in Granite Falls, Washington on Sunday, July 10.

Myron's family was notified about

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Culture Camp 2005



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Youth who attended Culture Camp were able to participate in basket weaving. Above-Melanie White and Marla Mahkimetas help the students with the basket weaving process.

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This years Culture Camp was held July 10 -15, 2005 at Wayka Falls, located in West Branch.

On Sunday morning, July 10, 2005, the staff and counselors for the culture camp met at the Historic Preservation/Logging Museum.

Before transporting the partici-

pants to Wayka Falls camp site they enjoyed a bag lunch at the Historic Preservation/Logging Museum.

When the counselors and participants arrived at Wayka Falls, they had a ground blessing ceremony, ice breaker and a clan election.

Every morning they said prayer to start the day off right.

Each day something different was planned for the participants to do,

which included: An A.O.D.A. presentation, Menominee Language, fishing trips, pottery making, Elder speakers, fly fishing, archeological sites, beading, basket making, drum sticks and hand drums making. They also had singing/dancing, guest drum was Wind Eagle, flute/singing by Ben Grignon, lacrosse/cahah games and also went horseback riding.

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Keshena Little League took First Place at Bowler



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Keshena Little League took 1st place in the Shawano Western County Little League Championship Tournament held July 11-16, 2005 in Bowler. 14 teams participated in the tournament. Keshena succeeded over Wittenberg with a score of 8 to 5.

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Each night before supper they all would gather together to plan for a parents night. On Wednesday, the boys played a lacrosse game at the Menominee High school, which lasted a couple hours.

The girls didn't have a chance to play the cahah game (women's stick game). But Gwen Awonohopay was present to explain the cahah game. While Gwen was explaining the game, the girls had the opportunity to ask questions about the game.

Parents night was held on Thursday evening. Joey Awonohopay was the keynote speaker for this special event. He and Ron Corn Jr. welcomed the parents to the Culture Camp by performing a welcoming song.

Joey mentioned the art work and activities they did during the week of camp. A table was displayed with all the art work the youth did though out the week. Joey, Ron and the boys from culture camp entertained their family and friends by singing a few songs, with the drum sticks and drums they made. The girls also joined in by dancing to the beat of the drums. The parents were also able to enjoy a traditional meal. Before the meal was served, a prayer was said by Joey, Ron and the young boys. The meal consisted of: mashed potatoes, turkey and gravy, squash, wild rice, fry bread, cake and refreshments.

Another round of drumming and singing was enjoyed by the parents after the meal. The girls were anxious to sing a song in Menominee that they learned while at culture camp.

Friday was the last day of Culture Camp at Wayka Falls. Before departing the camp grounds, the counselors and participants held a "Talking Circle".

Everyone that participated in the camp enjoyed their time by meeting friends and the activities they did. They also are all looking forward to next years culture camp.

A bag lunch was ready for them when they all arrived back to the Historic

Preservation/Logging Museum to meet up with their families. After a week long adventure, the youth were all excited to meet up with their families to go to their "Home Sweet Home".

Keshena Little League Place 1st at Bowler

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The Shawano Western County Little League held a Championship Tournament, which ran from Monday, July 11 - Saturday, July 16, 2005 in Bowler.

14 teams participated in the tournament including Neopit and Keshena Little League.

On Saturday, July 16, Keshena and Wittenberg Little league teams played for first place. The game was exciting for the fans and the teams. The game was a real nail biter for everyone including the coaches. Keshena Little league took first place with the score of 8 to 5. Each player received a badge and a trophy for taking first place.

This years Keshena Little League team players are: Brandon Fish, Kenan Zhuckkahosee, Ken Latender, Curtis Cloud, Ryan Waupoose, Shane Tucker, Wade Reiter, Lorenzo Warrington, Chad Leaman, Sheldon Waupochick, Kamawin Tomow, Mequon Frechette, Tye Latender, Bob Peters and Leto Merino.

Coach for the Keshena Little League team is Alex (Little Man) Peters with the help from Jerry Warrington.

Little Man and Jerry are very proud of their team. They also appreciate their families and friends for supporting the team. Also supporting the team was the Keshena Recreation Department.

Besides coaching the team Little Man and Jerry take time out to gather up the boys and do other events with them, including swimming and bowling. Little Man is also in the process of planning a picnic for his team and their families.

Congratulations Keshena Little League and Good Luck in your upcoming tournaments.

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his death and his parents, Joan and Myron Tucker Sr. flew to Washington for a private grieving and later attended a funeral service with the USS Abraham Lincoln on Wednesday July 13 at the USS Abraham Lincoln.

When the body was returned home, family and friends gathered for funeral services at the St. Michael Catholic Church in Keshena on Tuesday, July 19th. The US Naval Service was also in attendance to show their support to the family.

Myron Tucker Jr. was a 1996 graduate of Menominee Indian High School. He served with the US. Navy at Great Lakes Il. then went to Norfolk, VA and Toledo, OH. He was also assigned to the USS Mahan. He was currently assigned to the USS Abraham Lincoln stationed at the Naval Station in Everett, Washington

While in the Navy, Tucker was able to travel to Italy, Rome, Greece and Spain. He also had many great accomplishments. Tucker completed his electrician training, qualified for the USS Mahan on restricted engineering operations. Tucker was also commended for exemplary service to his country and a devotion to duty reflecting credit upon himself in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Services. He received the Navy and Marine Corp Achievement Medal, 3 Good Conduct Medals, Global War on Terrorism Medal and in 1997 he received a Junior Sailor of the Year award. Myron also had the honor of being blessed by the Pope in Rome while in the service. This one of his greatest most precious memories.

Tucker left his family with many wonderful memories and many great accomplishments to be proud of.